Evasion of Customs Duty by a Bombay based Company

1113. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 113 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd January, 1991 and state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in the investigations relating to evasion of customs duty in the import of seamless pipes and tubes and stainless steel covers for supply to ONGC;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether he is also aware that M/s. P. J. Pipes and Vessels (Private) Limited have again been cleared to offer goods to ONGC; and

(d) if so, what are reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Investigations have since been completed and a show cause notice has been issued on 25[4|199l to M/s. p, J. Pipes and others proposing (i) the recovery of customs duty amounting to Rs. 7,18,95,049/-, (ii) confiscation of the offending goods and (iii) imposition of penalty on the firm/persons concerned.

(c) and (d) M/s. ONGC had not debarred M/s. P. J. Pipes & Vessels Pvt. Ltd. from offering tenders/ offers to ONGC. Hence, the question of again clearing them for participating in ONGC tenders does not arise.

Admission of SC and ST Candidates in UT

1114. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is reservation for SC/ST candidates for admission j to the B.Tech. Courses in the Indian Institutes of Technology;

(b) if so, what is the year-wise break up of the number of candidates belonging to SC and ST selected since 1980;

(c) whether some seats reserved for these communities were left unfilled, if so, the reasons therefor and

(d) whether there is reservation for these communities in the M.Tech. Courses also in the Indian Institutes of Technology?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. In all the five IITs there is 15 per cent reservation for Scheduled Castes and 7.5 per cent for Scheduled Tribes.

(b) The year-wise break-up is as under:

Year	SC	ST
1980	137	17
1981	051	03
1982	051	07
1983	110	16
1984	095	22
1985	121	22
1986	175	31
1987	088	18
1988	082	21
1989	120	18
1990	096	17
1991 .	104	14

(c) Yes, Sir. The main reasons are:

(i) To ensure that the student is able to cope with the academic requirements only those SC|ST students are admitted in the under graduate programme who secure in the Joint Entrance Examination at

least 60 per cent of the marks obtained by the last qualified candidate under the General category.

(ii) SC| ST students often prefer to take admission in nearby Engineering Colleges in disciplines of their choice.

(d) Yes, Sir. Reservation in the M.Tech. courses is 15 per cent for Scheduled Castes and 7.5 per cent for Scheduled Tribes.

Pay Scales Applicable to Medical Officers selected by UPSC

1115. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE fcte pleased to state:

(a) what are the different grades, with their pay scales, which are applicable to Medical Officers selected by UPSC and appointed in the hospitals under the Delhi Administration;

(b) what are the rules framed for their promotion from one grade to another;

(c) whether General Duty Medical Officers who have completed four years of service are eligible for promotion as Senior Medical Officers;

(d) whether all the Medical Officers eligible for promotion have been promoted to the next higher grade;

(e) if not, how many General Duty Medical Officers and Medical Officers are still awaiting promotion orders; and

(f) what are the reasons for delay in the matter and by when they will be promoted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) As per the Central Health Service Rules, 1982, as amended from time to time, the Medical Officers recruited through the UPSC in the pay scale of Rs. 2200—4000 in Central Health Service and posted under various participating Units of CHS including Delhi Administration are eligible for promotion as indicated

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	Eligibility for promotion
1. Senior Medical Officers (Rs. 3000—4500)	. Medical Officers in the General Duty Sub-cadre with four years regular service in the grade on the basis of seniority-cum-fitnes 'without linkage to number of vacancies.
2. Chief Medical Officers (Rs. 3700—5000)	. Senior Medical Officers in the General Duty Sub-cadre with six years' regular service in the grade or on completion of ten years as Medical Officer and Senior Medical Officer of which at least two years shall be as Senior Medical Officer on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness subject to availability of vacancies.
(Non-Functional Selection Grade) (Rs. 4500—5700)	. Chief Medical Officer (Rs. 3700—5000) with five years regular service in the grade or with fourteen years regular service in Group 'A' post on the basis of selection subject to the number being limited to 15
(Rs. 5900-6700)	. Officers holding posts in the grade of Chief Medical Officer (Non-Functional Selection Grade) with three years' regular service in the grade or with seventeen years total regular service in Group 'A'